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FROM THE EDITOR

Spring was in the air, edging towards early summer. It had taken some time for the warmth to penetrate the ground, where the Mole was busy with his spring cleaning, deep beneath the soil. Above him, daffodils and tulips were sprouting and emerging, reaching up into the warm sunlight.

It feels fitting to acknowledge a little partial extract from *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame.

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to and support the delivery of *The Bridge* to homes in Busbridge.

We warmly invite readers to share comments, suggestions, or articles – along with photographs – for future editions of this much-loved journal, published six times a year..

Brian Whitehead

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Front Cover: One of the `open Gardens pictures provided by Gill Dally

Busbridge Open Gardens

**Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 June 2026
From 2:00 to 5:00pm**

Save the date in your diary! Come and explore a delightful selection of more than 15 beautiful gardens across Busbridge, from small courtyards to colourful cottage gardens and productive vegetable plots.

Tickets priced £5 (children aged 14 and under free) will be available, using contactless payment or cash, on both days at any garden on the route - no advance booking required. A garden map with full details will be available in late spring online and at various locations including Busbridge Church Office, Godalming Town Council and the Howling Owl.

Plants and refreshments will be available at selected gardens. All proceeds support two fantastic local charities, Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care and Skillway.

How did it all start?

The first Busbridge Open Gardens was held in June 2017 and then subsequently in June 2022. The idea was the brainchild of Gill Morris, Busbridge resident and keen gardener – since the first event, the open gardens has grown into a very popular and successful community weekend.

The event began as a small local initiative to raise funds for local charities. Visitors follow a trail of gardens to suit their own interests. Over two summer afternoons they can explore a variety of gardens and enjoy refreshments and plant stalls along the way. The event has grown into a well-loved tradition that brings the community together and provides the opportunity to meet the gardeners who maintain their spaces.

The gardens offer a variety of inspiring spaces that range from small traditional cottage gardens to larger landscaped areas. Whatever the plot size, there is something





for everyone - with courtyard art-inspired gardens, a rewilded space and even a stepped garden with stunning views. New gardens have joined up each year that the event has run.

Over time, Busbridge Open Gardens has grown in popularity and now raises significant funds for local charities and community projects. It also provides a chance for neighbours to work together in organising the day, strengthening the sense of community within Busbridge.

by Gill Dally



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Busbridge Junior School

It was a busy spring term for science at Busbridge Junior School. Our Year 6 students enjoyed three workshops in chemistry, physics and biology at Charterhouse school which included making crystals, dropping eggs from great heights and discovering if maggots move more quickly in the light or dark! Whilst the Year 5 children enjoyed a day trip to Winchester Science Centre as part of their Solar System science topic, enjoying the thrills of the planetarium as well as other hands-on fun at the centre.



As part of World Book Day celebrations, children were able to dress up as their favourite book character and all took part in a virtual assembly with children's author James Campbell. Some of our Year 6 girls had fun together dressing up as characters from Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*!

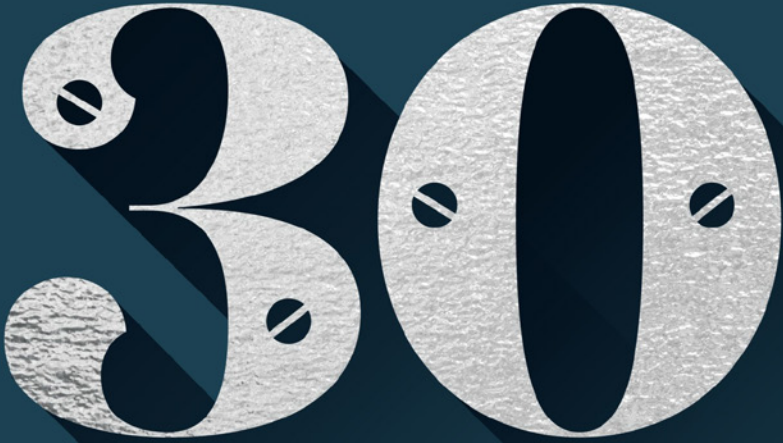


In the run up to Easter, all the children in their class groups were able to visit the church where Ben Barnes had created Easter prayer spaces for the children to take a moment to pause and reflect. Each station offered a different activity and focus for thought or prayer, encouraging children to consider wider issues around the world as well as helping them to release their own personal worries and fears. Some of us Governors were lucky enough to be involved with a couple of sessions and it was really moving to see how well the children embraced the activities. Fizzy forgiveness, satisfyingly plopping effervescent tablets into water and watching as they dissolve, whilst keeping in mind someone who could benefit from our forgiveness, was as popular as ever!

As the weather warms up in the summer term, Year 4 are looking forward to their trip to Wisley and we have fun family events such as the PTA sponsored bike ride and summer BBQ to look forward to.

by Gemma Taylor, Governor

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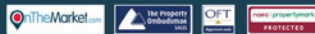
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Mayor meets Walking Football Club...

It is because the Guardian Angels Carers Godalming are now sponsoring the Godalming Walking Football Club the Mayor, Bob Crook was invited to visit and meet at their offices of Guardian Angels Carers Godalming on Tuesday 7 April 2026, to celebrate the team's success in winning the inaugural Walking Football FA Cup. The visit brought together players, club leaders and Guardian Angels leadership and staff in a shared celebration of sporting achievement, community partnership and local civic support.

The partnership reflects a shared commitment to helping people stay active, socially connected and engaged in their community, while also helping to tackle loneliness and isolation.

During the visit, the Mayor met members of the FA Cup-winning team and to hear more about the club's continued growth. Since its formation in 2017, when the Godalming Walking Football Club expanded significantly and now has around 70 members, with teams across 50+, 60+, 65+, 70+ and multi-age categories. The club is also looking ahead to further expansion, including plans to establish a women's walking football team.



Glenn Mitchell, Vice Chair, Godalming Walking Football Club: "Guardian Angels Carers Godalming has been a true partner to the club, not just a name on a shirt. Their support has helped us invest in equipment, provide kit and grow our reach across the local area. What matters most is that we share a belief in bringing people together. Walking football gives people a chance to stay active, make friends and feel part of a supportive community, regardless of age or ability."



Mayor Bob Crooks with Tim Corry, co-founder, Guardian Angels Carers Godalming: "We are proud to support Godalming Walking Football Club because it reflects so many of the values that matter to us as a care company."





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Aviator with Links to Busbridge Church

A remarkable new book, is to be published on May 30th, brings to life the extraordinary career of Alan Colin Campbell Orde – an aviation pioneer with close ties to Godalming and a lasting connection to Busbridge Church, where his younger sister, Patience, and brother, Ronald, are laid to rest.

Written by his relative, Fiona Somerville, the biography draws on a rich collection of personal memorabilia preserved after Orde's death in 1992. The result is a vivid and engaging portrait of a man whose life spanned some of the most dramatic and transformative years in the history of flight.

Orde's story begins in the early days of aviation, when flying was still a daring and uncertain pursuit. He served as a fighter pilot during the First World War, facing the ever-present dangers of aerial combat. In one extraordinary episode, he survived a crash in No Man's Land and was rescued by two British nurses, both of whom were later recognised for their bravery with gallantry awards.

Following the war, Orde remained at the forefront of aviation's rapid development. He flew some of Britain's earliest commercial airline routes and later travelled to Peking, where he helped train Chinese pilots – an indication of both his skill and the international demand for British aviation expertise at the time.

From 1924 to 1936, Orde served as Chief Test Pilot for Armstrong Whitworth, a role that placed him at the cutting edge of aircraft design and performance. These were years of intense innovation, and his



Alan and his wife Beatrice

work contributed to the steady progress that would shape modern aviation.

His career then took him into the emerging world of commercial air travel. Joining the pre-war British Airways organisation, Orde played an important role in the formation of the state-owned airline that would become BOAC in 1940.

During the Second World War, he was involved in a range of operational activities, supporting the wider war effort, including significant contributions to RAF operations in North Africa.

Among the more unusual chapters of his career was his involvement in planning Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's historic flight to Germany for talks with Adolf Hitler – an episode that underscores how closely aviation and global politics had become intertwined.

After the war, Orde continued his work with BOAC, helping guide the airline through

a challenging period of competition and change. His leadership contributed to its eventual stability and commercial success. He also played a part in ushering in the jet

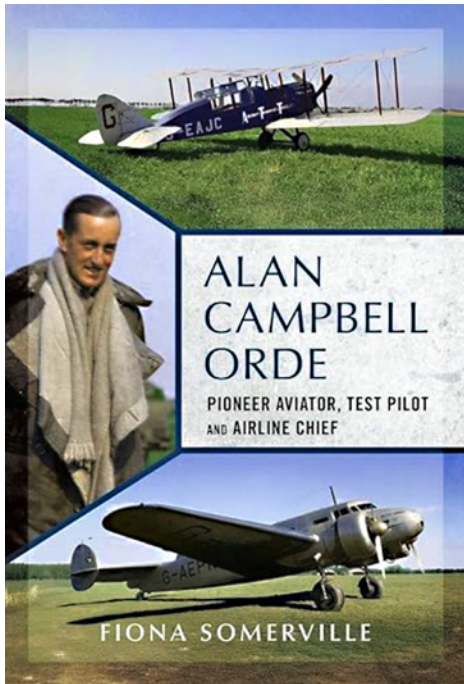
age, including involvement in the introduction of the pioneering Comet aircraft, a milestone in civil aviation.

Orde retired in 1957, leaving behind a legacy that reflects both courage and quiet determination. His life story, as captured in this new biography, offers not only a personal history but also a window into the evolution of aviation across the first half of the twentieth century.

Alan Campbell Orde: Pioneer Aviator, Test Pilot and Airline Chief is published by Fonthill Media. The book runs to 424 pages, illustrated with 284 photographs, and is expected to retail between £22.99 and £30.

Alan Campbell Orde: Pioneer Aviator, Test Pilot and Airline Chief is authored by Fiona Somerville, Publisher: Fonthill Media / Pen & Sword Books Ltd. ISBN: 9781781559635

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Fostering Creativity and Confidence in the Classroom

Claire Watkins, Head of English, St Catherine's Prep School, Bramley

In an age where young minds are constantly bombarded from all angles, the classroom must stand as a sanctuary where children feel safe to express themselves, explore ideas, and grow.

More than just a venue for academic instruction and learning, the classroom should be a vibrant ecosystem that nurtures our children's creativity, builds their confidence, and fosters a sense of belonging.

Creativity thrives in environments where children are encouraged to take risks without fear of ridicule and I actively encourage the girls at St Catherine's to ask the questions why, when, and how, which cultivates a culture of openness and curiosity.

This is a strength of an all-girls environment in particular.

At St Catherine's, our pupils are encouraged to share and express their opinions and form constructive arguments to debate topics about which they are passionate.

This allows the girls to connect at a deeper personal level, igniting a passion for discovery that transcends the curriculum.



A classroom that celebrates diverse viewpoints and encourages respectful dialogue helps children to develop not only their academic skills, but also emotional resilience and self-assurance.

Providing children with freedom to speak up allows confidence to flourish. When given the freedom to voice their thoughts, ask questions, and share perspectives, they begin to trust their own voices.

Such empowerment is particularly vital in the primary years when self-doubt can easily creep in.

A community is at the heart of fostering creativity and instilling confidence and the classroom space, where empathy is practised, differences are respected, and collaboration is championed, is a perfect example of such a community.

When children feel connected to their peers and supported by their teachers, teaching assistants, and other members of staff, they are more likely to engage meaningfully, take initiative, contribute positively to group discussions, and voice their opinions. In fostering creativity, confidence, and community, the classroom becomes more than a place of instruction; it becomes a launchpad for lifelong learning and personal transformation. In today's complex world, that kind of space is not just beneficial, it is essential.

by Louise Johns



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Pea and Mint Soup

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- ◆ 2-3 tbsps olive oil
- ◆ 1 large onion, chopped
- ◆ 2-3 sticks celery, sliced
- ◆ 1 small carrot, sliced
- ◆ 1 large leek, sliced
- ◆ 3-4 cloves garlic crushed

- ◆ About 750g frozen peas
- ◆ Chicken or vegetable stock
- ◆ Seasoning
- ◆ 2 good handfuls of fresh mint and parsley roughly chopped

METHOD

1. In a large saucepan heat the olive oil and gently sauté the onion, celery, carrot and leek until softened but not browned.
2. Add the garlic and stir for 1-2 minutes. Add the peas and cover well with plenty of stock.
3. Bring to the boil and simmer gently for 30 minutes.
4. Stir in the chopped mint and parsley and add seasoning to taste.
5. Blend until smooth and serve hot with a swirl of cream, creme fraiche or yoghurt stirred through and sprigs of fresh mint, parsley and pea shoots to garnish.



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In April, Chris and Denise Arthey gave a moving account of their remarkable recovery from a horrific motorcycle accident in America in 2008. They shared how, through their faith and perseverance, they have been able to move on and lead fulfilling lives. They had huge praise for medical and spiritual support they received and the warmth and comforting love from family and friends. Not to forget their competitiveness with each other in completing their exercises!! They cope so well and cheerfully: an inspiration to us all, whatever problems we may face. They signed copies of their book, *Highway 35 - Meeting Disaster Head-on with Hope*, with personal messages. All in all, an absorbing evening.

On **Thursday 7th May**, **Alyson Spicer**, a freelance milliner and owner of **Shocking Posh Millinery** in Godalming, will come and tell us about the history of millinery and hat making. She will bring along a selection of Shocking Posh hats and fascinators for us to admire. With Ascot and other summer events happening, it's a good time to show these off! Hopefully, we might be able to try one or two on and maybe place an order for any special event we might have this summer or on the horizon. No obligation!! Having cast your vote during the day, come along and have some fun!

At our event on **Thursday 4th June**, **Helen Sturney** will demonstrate how to create pretty Miniature Flowers from Beads. This is an intricate procedure; Helen is a talented crafts-person and having watched her demonstration you



may be inspired to have a go yourself. We may well raffle a selection of these miniature flowers at the end of the demonstration. Here's a photo of some bead snowdrops Helen made earlier.

Advanice notice: our garden visit this year will be on the evening of **Thursday 2nd July**, when we will be having a private tour of the beautiful High Clandon Vineyard garden; including the 2026 Art and Sculpture exhibition. There will be an opportunity to buy a glass of their latest vintage cuvee! All proceeds will go to support Cherry Trees, our 2026 charity. After the tour, we will go for a meal at the nearby Onslow Arms. Details to follow.

All our events are held in the **Busbridge Old Rectory, GU7 1XA**. We start at **8.00pm**, with a drink and nibbles and chance to socialise before handing over to our speakers for their presentations.

All are welcome – including men! We look forward to seeing you!

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Choosing to delay...J1

Local smartphone-free movement

In March, as one of the Regional Leaders for the *Smartphone Free Childhood* movement, I was invited to be part of a discussion, hosted by Jeremy Hunt, on the subject of children, smartphones and social media at the Wilfred Noyce Centre. The event was attended by over 170 concerned locals, including teachers, parents, grandparents and children and it was a great opportunity to share our mission to change childhood norms around smartphone use. The panel also included Shadow Education



Secretary Laura Trott and Dr Susie Davies from the charity PAPA, whose takeaway quote from the session was *“the best preparation for our children to thrive as adults in the digital world is an analogue childhood”*.

For those who may not be familiar, *Smartphone Free Childhood* is the fast-growing movement of over 300,000 parents in the UK, coming together to support each other in delaying access to smartphones and social media for their children. Surrey has the largest numbers of supporters than anywhere else in the country with almost 11,000 children signed up to a pact delaying smartphone and social



media use until at least 14 and 16 respectively. It's about strength in numbers – if your child knows that other children in their class won't be getting a smartphone for a few years either, the peer pressure instantly dissipates.

It's encouraging that there is a huge local groundswell of parents with primary age children coming together to delay, recognising the potential harms these devices pose on the mental health and attention spans of our children. Busbridge Junior School, St Edmund's and Godalming Junior are all now smartphone-free. This is already helping to challenge and reset norms around smartphone ownership when children go to secondary, which stealthily became a



rite of passage as smartphones became more popular and before we knew what was happening.

It's really important to highlight that this movement is not anti-tech but pro-childhood. To coin a cliché, technology is the future with immense benefits and young people should be able to enjoy the opportunities it creates – when they're ready and when it's safe to do so. But childhood is precious and fleeting.

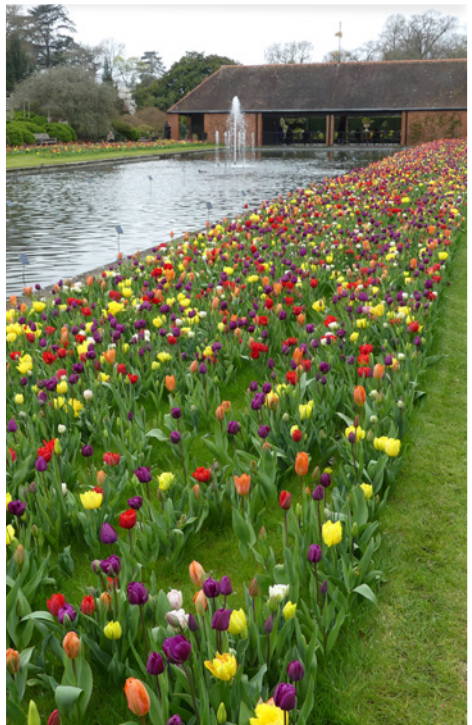
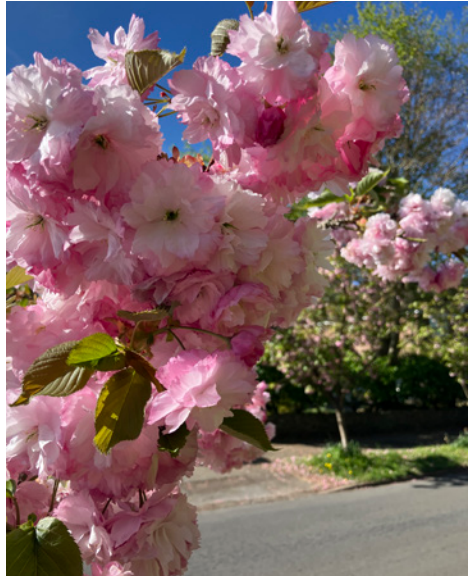
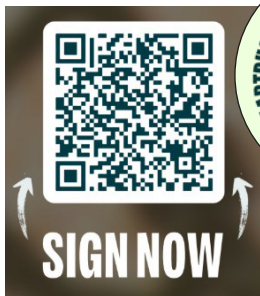
In the UK, 5–15-year-olds spend an average of 5 hours 14 minutes per day engaged in social media activity*. That's 17.7 billion hours each year. It is this opportunity cost that is most often overlooked and is the time from which technology companies profit. Time, critical to our children's healthy brain development, they should be spending with friends and family, being creative, being active (being bored!) or simply relaxing in front of the TV – not all screen time is equal.

Smartphone Free Childhood believes that all children should have the opportunity to learn, develop and grow free from addictive-by-design smartphones and the dangerous algorithms and age-inappropriate content of social media.

For more information go to smartphonefreechildhood.org or use the QR code: The government consultation Growing up in the online world is open for everyone.

*Ofcom (2016). Children's and Parents' Media Use and Attitudes Report

by **Gemma Taylor**



A great picture of the spring blossoms and Tulips at Wisley Gardens by Chris Payne.

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For all Godalming Minster services see www.godalmingminster.org/sundays

SPECIAL DATES IN MAY & JUNE

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wed 20 May, 7pm at Godalming Minster Church Street
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**GODALMING
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Spring sunshine is a wonderful thing, isn't it?

I love the way that, at this time of year, trees blossom and flowers emerge; and new life is so abundant. The colours are glorious; the natural world in spring is truly beautiful.

What, I wonder, do you find beautiful? Maybe fine art? Or certain kinds of music, or poetry? Or a mountain landscape? The scent of a pine tree, or the taste of a good red wine? There is an almost endless variety to the things that we find lovely; because there is an almost endless variety in the world around us. You may not find all of them particularly attractive, but did you know that scientists estimate that there are somewhere between one and two million different species of beetle?! And that's just one type of insect!

Atheism struggles to explain beauty, because much of what is perceived by humans as beautiful fails to confer any evolutionary advantage. But from a Christian perspective, our appreciation of beauty makes perfect sense; because God Himself is beautiful, and He made the world to reflect that beauty.

So firstly, this piece is to encourage you to enjoy the beauty around you. To look for it; to cherish it; to take delight in it. The Church has always held that it reflects the beauty of the Creator, and that He made it for us to enjoy.

And secondly, this is to remind you that even in the bleakest situations, God can bring beauty. Let's be honest; at times, the world can be an ugly place. There is suffering, and pain, and evil, both in our own lives, and in the wider world. Perhaps particularly at the moment, in this time of



geopolitical turmoil, as we look at the world around us, we see far too many things happening that are very far from being beautiful.

But recently, we at Godalming Minster, along with the church worldwide, celebrated Easter. Easter is the ultimate example of God's ability to take a truly awful situation; the brutal murder of an innocent man; and turning it into the most beautiful, most glorious event that the world has ever witnessed, as Jesus defeated death and rose again.

Of course, Easter is far more than just that; but it is that. So, if you are personally facing a bleak situation right now, or if you're concerned about the bleakness in the wider world, my prayer for you is that you would know the hope that comes from recognising that God can bring something truly beautiful out of even the very darkest circumstances.

Chris Lion
Rector of Godalming Minster

“It has extended my family”

Graham Sheldrake has been a part of the Yew Tree Café since the very beginning, in 2022. Many in our community know him as a volunteer on various projects at Godalming Minster, always ready to help and have a kind word. Here he talks about his volunteering experience at the Café.

How does volunteering fit into your life?

I had no experience of working in a café; I'd done quite a bit of volunteering within the church, but mostly just within that circle. I saw this as an opportunity for me to connect more with the wider community.

Volunteering generally is a big part of my life, and volunteering at the Café is an important part of that. The volunteer team will always try to 'fill the gaps' if personal circumstances require time out.

How did you first hear about the Yew Tree Café?

From discussions at my church, now Godalming Minster, while the café was being prepared. One of my fellow band members encouraged me to give it a try. I told her, "I'm not touching that coffee machine; I'll just come and wash up." It didn't turn out like that!

What do you enjoy most about being here?

The interaction with both the team and our customers, many of whom I've known for several years now. There's something special about serving something that brings people real satisfaction – that "wow" factor.

I love seeing children enjoying the safe space here, whether they're catching up with friends or spending time with parents or grandparents after school. We really do see all ages, and that's part of what makes it special. It's also rewarding to meet new volunteers



and watch them grow in confidence and skills – as I have myself.

What does the Café mean to you personally?

It has extended my family beyond simply people at church, at a time when I had been widowed only a few years. I've enjoyed learning new skills and being able to pass some of that on to others.

Is there a moment that has stayed with you?

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Tuesday 12th May Visit to Farncombe Community Garden

The Prime Time event for May is the visit to Farncombe Community Garden taking place on Tuesday 12th May at 2pm. Farncombe Community Garden is a not-for-profit charity that aims to bring the local community together in a working garden. Prime Time has been offered the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of the garden led by Tessa, one of the Lead Volunteers; following which there will be time to sit and chat in the pavilion over tea and cake as well as time to explore the garden at your own pace and revisit areas that caught your eye during the guided tour. The charity's



vision is 'to grow community wellbeing by gardening together'; do join us and find out how this is being achieved in practice and enjoy a couple of hours immersed in the natural world as you do so. A sunny day is prayed for, but by no means guaranteed – but the event will run, wet or dry!

Location: Farncombe Community Garden, Summers Road, Farncombe. GU7 3BF (Opposite Broadwater School)

For further details regarding Prime Time or to book onto any Prime Time event, please contact the *Prime Time Team via the Church Office on 01483 421267 or email: primetime@godalmingminster.org*

The monthly Movie Matinee screenings are taking a break for the summer. We promise they will be back in the autumn though! The first Movie Matinee of the 2026/27 season will take place on Saturday 3rd October.



Thursday 18th June, 3.30—5pm Garden Party at Prior's Field School

By kind invitation of the staff and students at Prior's Field School, Prime Time members are invited to join them in the school's Rose Garden on the afternoon of Thursday 18th June for the annual Prime Time Garden Party. This has become one of the highlights of the Prime Time year – and is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with Prime Time friends that you may not have seen for a while (as well as enjoying a cream tea in the beautiful setting in the grounds of the school!) **Location: Prior's Field School, Prior's Field Road, Godalming. GU7 2RH**





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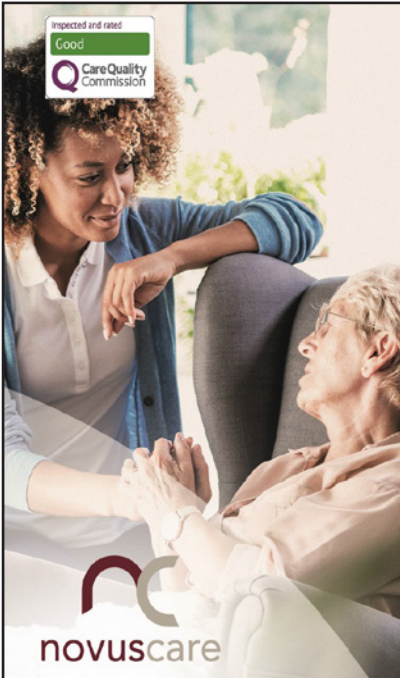
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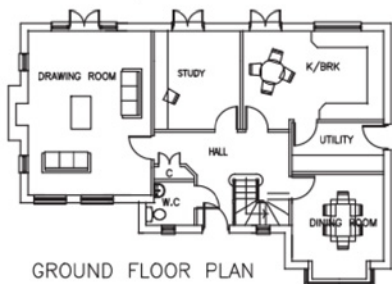
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